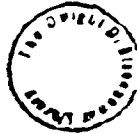


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DE GAULLE TURNED DOWN FOUR POWER CONFERENCE
PARIS WITH ARGUMENT THAT SUCH CONFERENCE BEFORE
EISENHOWER TRIP TO SOVIET UNION MIGHT GIVE SOVIETS IDEA
THAT PRESIDENT ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR WESTERN POWERS.
AT LEAST WITH REGARD TO FRANCE THIS NOT CASE IN VIEW
STANDING UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND
U. S. A. CHANCELLOR ADENAUER HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS
TO DE GAULLE AND MACMILLAN THAT FRENCH POSITION
ENDANGERED DESIRABLE WESTERN UNITY AND FOUR POWER
CONFERENCE IN PARIS STILL DESIRABLE. IN EVENT DE GAULLE
MAINTAINS HIS NEGATIVE POSITION DESPITE ADENAUER
COMMUNICATION FEDREP WOULD BE PLACED EXTREMELY
DIFFICULT POSITION. PROPOSED PLAN WHEREBY EISENHOWER
TO VISIT ONLY PARIS AND LONDON FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
AND SEE ADENAUER ONLY IN COURSE OF OR AT CONCLUSION HIS
CONSULTATION WITH MACMILLAN WOULD RESULT IN MORE
THAN PUBLIC OPINION DRAWING CONCLUSION THAT FEDREP
COULD BE SUBJECTED TO PRESSURE. IT WOULD ALSO GIVE
RISE TO GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT PREVIOUS COOPERATION

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BETWEEN THREE WESTERN POWERS AND FEDREP ON BASIS
COMPLETE PARITY HAD COME TO END AND THAT FEDREP
REGARDED NOW ONLY MORE OR LESS POLITICAL FOOTBALL
OF BIG THREE. SUCH DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE LESS THAN
JUSTIFIED POLITICALLY SINCE GERMANY AND BERLIN QUESTION
REMAIN AMONG MOST CRITICAL ISSUES IN WORLD WIDE CONFLICT
BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. MOREOVER IT NOT POSSIBLE
OVERLOOK FACT KHRUSHCHEV AS RESULT SUCH DEVELOPMENT
COULD HAVE FEELING HE HAD ACHIEVED ONE OF MAIN POINTS
HIS POLICY NAMELY BEGINNING OF ISOLATION FEDREP AND ITS
REDUCTION TO SECOND CLASS POWER. SHOULD IT ACTUALLY
NOT BE POSSIBLE ARRANGE FOUR POWER CONFERENCE THERE
REMAINS ONLY SINGLE MEANS AVOID CREATING DISASTROUS
IMPRESSION THAT THERE HAS BEEN COMPLETE REVERSAL
PRESENT WESTERN POLITICAL COALITION: PRESIDENT EISENHOWER
WOULD HAVE TO RESTRICT HIS TRIP TO STRICTLY BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS AND IN ADDITION TO VISITS PARIS AND LONDON
ALSO INCLUDE VISIT BONN.



ADENAUER STILL MAINTAINS THAT FOUR POWER MEETING
IN PARIS WOULD BE BEST SOLUTION.

END OF MESSAGE

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